GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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AUTONOMY IN THE WORKING OF OIL COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to give more autonomy to the working of public sector oil companies in view of furthering the process of economic liberalisation ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and (

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard ?

Answer

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PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c) : After the dismantling of Administered Price Mechanism (APM), with effect from 1.4.2002, Government have taken the following decisions to enhance the autonomy in the functioning of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) :

(i) OMCs are free to decide the retail price of Motor Spirit, High Speed Diesel & Aviation Turbine Fuelas per their commercial considerations.

(ii) OMCs have been given power to select the dealers / distributors as per their own procedure.

(iii) Various restrictive orders on the marketing of transportation fuels and LPG marketing have been withdrawn.

(iv) Navratna PSU`s enjoy operational autonomy under Navratna dispensation.